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Environmental Cleanup Office

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Re: Monsanto Elemental Phosphorus Plant Super Fund Site
Public Comment

Dear Mr. Brincefield:

I attended the Public Hearing held in Soda Springs, Idaho on August 13, 1996. It is my understanding that I can express my concerns about this matter and hopefully influence the decision concerning the proposed alternatives for clean-up.

I along with my family own the 200 acres immediately north of the Monsanto Plant site. We have owned and farmed this site for many years. The past 8 years the land has been in the set aside program. Our intent is to either begin farming the land again or sell the land. It concerns me that the operation of Monsanto has over the years caused our land to become contaminated with hazardous waste material. This fact may preclude the sale of the land unrestricted.

We have always tried to be a good neighbor and cooperate. It seems that this has only given license to the big companies to trespass and take advantage. First it was the oil exploratory companies that trampled all over this acreage with their sounding and seismic equipment, then came the power companies locating poles in the middle of the field and traveling all over the land, then came Monsanto building roads, fences and ore stockpiles. Waste water has been directed to our property, clouds of ore dust have blown across our property and we have been made on occasion to feel that we were trespassing to get to our own property. Now we find that our land has unacceptable levels of contamination. Will it never stop.

It is my understanding that the EPA and Monsanto are now considering applying for restrictive zoning on the property. How can they or you do that? I thought that I owned the property. I am against this happening and will do what ever can be done to prevent the zoning.

You say that it is safe to farm the ground. I don't believe that. Obviously you've never been a farmer. The process of farming has as a natural consequence the breathing, eating and drinking of a considerable amount of dust. In this case contaminated dust, Monsanto waste.

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I am just naive enough to believe that the little person still counts in this country. Big industry needs to expand and grow in order for the country to grow, but it doesn't have any right to run rough shod over the private land owner.

I don't want the property zoned for Monsanto's convenience, nor do I want special plants planted on the property to experiment clean-up while taking my livelihood out of production. I just want the property cleaned up and freed of any hazardous waste.

Thank You,

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